

The 2001 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices

Applications accepted through June 8, 2001



Winners of this prestigious award will receive a plaque presented by Governor Locke at a ceremony at the State Capitol in September. The Washington State Department of Ecology will provide free publicity, including press releases to the media and promotion on their web page and newsletter, "Shoptalk."

About the Award

This competitive award honors the achievements of businesses, government agencies, and schools that practice pollution prevention and use sustainable practices.

Pollution prevention means reducing hazardous emissions or wastes at the source, before they are generated.

Sustainable practices are those which promote the vitality of the economy, the environment, and the community. In a business context, this means engaging in activities that create economic benefits while reducing environmental impacts in fundamental ways.

Eligibility

Any Washington business, association, government agency, or school that is in good standing with Ecology regulations is eligible. Facilities that engage in any of the following sustainable practices are encouraged to apply.

Sustainable Practices

Toxics Reduction

- ★ Reducing or eliminating the use of toxic materials
- ★ Reducing or eliminating persistent, bio-accumulative toxins (PBTs)

Waste Reduction

- ★ Reducing or eliminating generation of solid and/or hazardous waste at the source
- ★ Reducing or eliminating emissions to air or water at the source

Resource Conservation

- ★ Increasing the use of renewable and recycled materials
- ★ Reducing energy use or using renewable energy sources
- ★ Reducing water use

Product Stewardship

- ★ Take-back programs (manufacturer or retailer collects from consumers products which are at the end of their useful life for refurbishing, reuse, or recycling)
- ★ Minimizing the environmental impact of a product throughout its life cycle



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Application Cover Page

Please provide the following information. Complete this cover page or facsimile and submit it with your responses to the application questions on page 3 of the brochure. By applying, applicants grant the Washington State Department of Ecology permission to publish a summary of their accomplishments.

Applicant Information

Company/Agency Name:

Product/Service:

Location Address:

Number of Employees:

Contact Information

Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Nominated By

Check here if same as above ☐

Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Please indicate which category best describes your facility:

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Business

- ☐ Small (0-49 employees)
- ☐ Medium (50-249 employees)
- ☐ Large (250 or more employees)

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Trade or professional organization

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Environmental, community, or non-profit organization

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Institution (e.g., school, hospital)

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Government agency

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Overview

A. Please give a brief description (one paragraph) of your business or organization.

B. Please give a brief summary (one paragraph) of your environmental project(s) or program(s).

Application Instructions

First and second party nominations are accepted and previous winners are invited to reapply as well.

1. Application Options:

- ✓ Complete and submit an application on-line at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability **OR**
- ✓ Download the application from www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability, complete it, and attach it to an e-mail message to: joph461@ecy.wa.gov
- ✓ Mail three paper copies of your application to: Joanne Phillipson, Governor's Award, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600 (or 300 Desmond Drive, Olympia, WA 98503 if sending by private carrier such as Fed Ex or UPS)
- ✓ Applications will be accepted through **June 8, 2001**.

2. Application Content and Format:

- ✓ Complete the Application Cover Page including the Overview section on the back.
- ✓ Respond to the questions below in 2000 words or less (equal to 5 pages single-sided or 2 1/2 pages double-sided). Please give as much detail as you can to assist judges in making their selections. Any activities that occurred during the past five years can be included in your application.
- ✓ Submit three easily-reproduced copies as follows:
 - ▶ Single or double-sided
 - ▶ Numbered pages
 - ▶ Printed on recycled paper
 - ▶ Each photocopy stapled separately in upper left
 - ▶ Up to ten additional pages of supporting material may be attached

Application Questions

Please complete the following questions:

1. Benefits Achieved

- **Environmental Benefits** – How have the sustainable practices used resulted in positive environmental results? Examples: Conservation of resources, reduction in hazardous waste or emissions.
- **Economic Benefits** – What are the financial rewards of the program? Examples: increased profits through waste reduction, elimination of disposal fees or development of new markets.
- **Employee Benefits** – How have the employees benefited? Examples: increases in worker satisfaction, worker safety, and health.
- **Community** – How does the program contribute to the community's quality of life? Examples: Company participation in school programs, charitable contributions to social programs.

2. Innovation

Why do you consider the program to be innovative? Describe barriers or challenges that were overcome to achieve goals. If you feel that this is an environmentally superior product or service, please tell us why.

3. Leadership and Commitment

How does the facility demonstrate environmental leadership? Please include information about management commitment, employee participation, and community involvement. If pollution prevention knowledge is shared with others in the industry or association, please tell us how.

Selection Process

Award winners will be selected by a panel of judges that includes previous winners, pollution prevention experts, and representatives from labor and environmental groups. Applications will be judged with facilities of similar size and government facilities will be judged in separate categories.

Notification

Winners will be notified by August 31, 2001.

Questions

Contact Joanne Phillipson at the Department of Ecology (360) 407-6740 or e-mail joph461@ecy.wa.gov.

2000 Governor's Award Winners

Aldercrest Auto Rebuild

Klickitat Public Utility District

Boeing Aircraft and Missiles Group

The McGregor Company

GM Nameplate, Inc.

RE Sources/The RE Store

Habitat — Spokane/Builders Surplus Store

SEH America, Inc.

In Harmony

Sleeping Lady

Fairchild Air Force Base (*For Continued Excellence*)

Read about these winners at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability

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